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CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

THE FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF STATE 167770 DATED JULY 16, 1975
SENT ACTION BANGKOK, HONG KONG, KUALA LUMPUR, SEOUL,
SINGAPORE, TAIPEI, TOKYO.

QUOTE LIMDIS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR (HONG KONG FOR THE CONSUL GENERAL) FROM
JULIA TAFT, DIRECTOR, INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.

1. AS WE INDICATED TO YOU IN STATE 158799, WE ARE ABOUT TO
RECEIVE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL EXPANDED AUTHORITY TO
PAROLE VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS INTO THE UNITED STATES.
THIS PAROLE, WE EXPECT, WILL BE EXTENDED TO A MAXIMUM OF
12 THOUSAND MORE INDIVIDUALS FROM AMONG THE ESTIMATED
18,000 TO 20,000 STRANDED IN ASIA AND ELSEWHERE.

, "T IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE NOW MOVE SWIFTLY WITH HOST
AND THIRD COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE THE STATUS OF THESE REMAIN-
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ING REFUGEES. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT

ON HOW BEST TO:

A) APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND TIE DOWN ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL PERMIT THE MAXIMUM RESETTLEMENT FOR REFUGEES ABROAD, WHILE U.S. TAKES ITS SHARE.

B) COORDINATE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND THEIR EMBASSIES IN ASIA, UNHCR, ICEM AND ELSEWHERE SO THAT WE DO NOT BRING TO THE U.S. REFUGEES THEY ARE PLANNING TO RESETTLE.

C) COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH UNHCR AND ICEM REGARDING REFUGEE MOVEMENT AND RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES. UNHCR HAS A GENEVA BASED MISSION PRESENTLY IN THAILAND AND IS DISCUSSING WITH THE RTG WAYS TO RELOCATE INDOCHINA REFUGEES.

3. POSTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT PLAN FOR ANY FURTHER EXTENSION OF PAROLE FOR CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. THE EXECUTION OF THIS PROGRAM WILL BE THE LAST STAGE IN THE U.S. EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE.

4. AFTER COMPLETING SECURITY CLEARANCES AND PRE-PAROLE PROCESSING WE CAN ACCEPT UP TO 1,250 REFUGEES PER WEEK FROM ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES. (250 MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE, 500 THAILAND, 300 HONG KONG, 100 EACH KOREA, TAIPEI.) THEY WOULD PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM PORT OF EMBARKATION TO EITHER FORT CHAFFEE OR CAMP PENDLETON (BYPASSING GUAM). MANIFESTS BY EACH COUNTRY WOULD BE REQUIRED SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE, SO THAT ICEM COULD ARRANGE MOST COST EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION.

5. IN CASE OF THOSE LAO REFUGEES WHOM WE EXPECT WILL SOON BE ABLE TO BE PAROLED INTO U.S., WE WOULD PLAN TO HAVE THEM REMAIN IN THAILAND OR OTHER COUNTRIES UNTIL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CAN OBTAIN SPONSORS IN U.S. THEY WOULD THEN BE FLOWN DIRECTLY TO SPONSOR LOCATIONS. AS MENTIONED STATE 158901 EMBASSY BANGKOK SHOULD COMMENT ON FEASIBILITY DISCUSSING WITH RTG PACKAGE PROGRAM FOR ALL REFUGEES IN THAILAND. THIS WOULD INCLUDE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES
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TAKING ALL VIETNAMESE ALONG WITH CAMBODIAN AND LAO LEADERS, WHILE THAI AGREE TO RESETTLE OTHER CAMBODIANS AND LAO, INCLUDING MEO AND BLACK THAI, WITH U.S. PROVIDING SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PROBABLY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

6. IATF PLANS TO SEND A THREE-MAN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TEAM BEGINNING WEEK OF JULY 21 TO HONG KONG, BANGKOK,

KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC ISSUES AND
PROBLEMS. COMPOSITION AND ITINERARY OF TEAM BY SEPTTEL.
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